



2020 - 2021

Welcome to Year 4

The Year 4 Team:



Mrs Jones
Class Teacher - 4J



Mrs Freeman
Class Teacher - 4F



Mrs Braiden-Smith
Teacher



Mrs Fannon



Mrs Hawkins



Miss Read

Times of the school day

Year 4 is in Key Stage 2.

School starts between 8.45am and 8.55am.

The children in KS2 finish at 3.25pm.

Please drop off and collect your child at their classroom door.



*'Here and on time
for five to nine'*

Regular attenders are rewarded with certificates, stickers and other prizes. Children with 100% attendance across the school year receive an attendance award.



Curriculum

At Catshill First School and Nursery, we follow the National Curriculum and use topics to enthuse the children in the learning.

The planned topics for Year 4 for 2020-21 are:

Autumn 1 :	I am Warrior
Autumn 2 :	Burps, Bottoms, Bile
Spring 1 :	Flow
Spring 2 :	Traiders and Raiders
Summer 1:	Potions
Summer 2:	What A Wonderful World

Please note that these topics could change if opportunities arise or children's interests take us in a different direction.

Home Learning

Each half term, we send home some ideas for homework projects that will 'lock in the learning' at home. In Year 4, we also expect children to read regularly at home (5 times per week) and complete other homework that is sent such as spelling/phonics or maths work.

We thank parents for their support with this. There are online resources that can be accessed at home. These are some examples of online resources that can be accessed at home.



E-Safety

We regularly discuss e-safety with our children and monitor their use of the internet in school. At the beginning of term, we will send home an AUP (Acceptable Use Policy) for you and your child to sign. Please discuss this at home and talk about the importance of staying safe



Class Assembly and Production

Look out for details of our class assembly in the school newsletter. Our KS2 production will be in Spring 2 and will involve Yr 3 and Yr 4.



Year 4 Swimming

In normal circumstance Year 4 children are assigned a group for swimming lessons.

Usually swimming lessons take place across the year at Bromsgrove Sports and Leisure Centre.



Food and Drink

Meals are provided by Shire Services, part of Shropshire County Council and cooked at Catshill Middle School. In Key Stage Two children can buy a hot meal at a cost of £2.30 per day. Named envelopes should be sent in to school on a Monday for the week ahead.



A typical menu is a choice from:

Roast Chicken Fillet, Stuffing & Gravy
Natural Oven Baked Fish Fingers
Pasta Neapolitan (v)
Seasonal Medley of Vegetables
Mashed Potatoes, Roast Potatoes



A full menu is available on our school website

Children are provided with a free piece of fruit during the morning and milk is available to purchase through our milk supplier Cool Milk, children who receive free school meals (not universal) are entitled to free milk. If you require information please contact the school office.

Water is available freely during the day to keep the children well hydrated.

Uniform

Our school uniform consists of the following:-

White polo shirt

Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan. This can be with or without the school logo.

Grey/black trousers (for boys or girls)

Grey skirt/pinafore. Blue and white gingham dress in summer if you wish.

Black shoes. These must be made of a polishable material.

No trainers are permitted.

Please name all uniform and PE kit.



PE Kit

PE kit consists of:
white t-shirt;
black shorts; and
black pumps.

PE kits must be kept in school at all times during term time.



Medicines

Any medicine that your child needs throughout the day should be brought to the school office. You will need to fill in a medication form giving details of the medicine, time and dose required.

The medicine must then be collected by a parent/carer from the office at the end of the day.

What to bring each day

Checklist:

- Book bag
- Reading diary/book
- Packed lunch if required
- Healthy snack



Website, Facebook & Twitter

Our website can be found at www.catshillfirst.co.uk. Here you are able to find any information relating to your specific class as well as general school information, newsletters, home learning etc. You can also follow us on Facebook at 'Catshill First School & Nursery' and on Twitter @catshillfirst

TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2020-2021

Keep me handy on the fridge

Catshill First School and Nursery Term Dates for Academic Year 2020/21

AUTUMN TERM 2020

TERM STARTS	Wednesday 2 September 2020
HALF TERM	Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October 2020
TERM ENDS	Friday 18 December 2020

SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Inset 1 – Tuesday 1 September 2020

Inset 2 – Friday 2 October 2020

SPRING TERM 2021

TERM STARTS	Tuesday 5 January 2021
HALF TERM	Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2021
TERM ENDS	Wednesday 31 March 2021

SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Inset 3 – Monday 4 January 2021

Inset 4 – Thursday 1 April 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021

TERM STARTS	Monday 19 April 2021
HALF TERM	Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2021
TERM ENDS	Wednesday 21 July 2021

SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Bank Holiday – Monday 3 May 2021

Inset 5 – Friday 28 May 2021

Absence Reporting

We continually strive to improve attendance for the pupils in our school as good attendance is linked to future success. In any case of absence, it is a parent or guardian's legal duty to notify school of the reason why. We have increased the number of ways that you can get in touch with us to report a child's absence:

1. Our answering service.
This bypasses reception and enables you to leave a direct message, 24 hours a day, on the answerphone informing us of the absence. The number to call is 01527 872913.

2. Email on
office@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk

3. Text message.
Please text 07384 578468.

4. By calling into the school office to speak to a member of staff.

Please note these methods of absence reporting should be used in addition to informing the class teacher.

All absences must be reported by one of the methods above by 9.15am.

The information we need is your name, your child's name, your child's class and the reason for their absence. We may still contact you for further information.

Please remember that sickness and diarrhoea require a 48 hour absence after the last episode of either.

If we are not informed and we cannot contact you to establish the whereabouts of your child, we may carry out a home visit.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mr Paul Essenhigh

Deputy Safeguarding Leads
Mrs Pauline Wainman
Mrs Georgia Plant

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact us straight away.

Leadership Team

Executive Headteacher
Mr Paul Essenhigh

Head of School
Mrs Georgia Plant

Assistant Headteachers
Miss Jessica Jones
Mrs Helen Ludlow (SENCO)